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January 27, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A
GRANT FROM THE DE BEAUMONT FOUNDATION FOR THE EPIDEMIOLOGY
SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on February 8, 2011, to accept future awards or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the Grant Agreement (GA) from the de Beaumont Foundation (Foundation) that extend the term on an annual basis through January 31, 2015 at amounts directed by the Foundation, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will accept GA Number 2012002 from the Foundation in the amount of \$195,766 for the period of February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013, to continue the Epidemiology (Epi) Scholars Program. The Epi Scholars Program is a 10 to 12 week training opportunity for graduate epidemiology students recruited from top schools of public health to conduct research on health disparities and health care access topics such as: diabetes, substance abuse, community disaster resilience, homeless health, immigrant health, intimate partner violence, and tobacco usage. Research information is shared with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Public Health-Seattle and King County to create a common awareness of a unified Epi Scholars Program.

The GA will support the Department of Public Health's goals to strengthen affiliations with public health schools and faculties, enhance work on health disparities, and mentor and cultivate a future generation of public health workers and leaders to be well versed in epidemiology and data analysis.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the GA as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors